

Appl. No. 10/036,090  
Amdt. Dated April 5, 2004  
Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

Attorney Docket No. 81868.0038  
Customer No. 26021

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 5, 2004, the text of the canceled claims 1-20 and 22 have been removed from the listing of claims. Claims 21 and 22-29 remain in the application. It is not the Applicants' intent to surrender any equivalents because of the amendments or arguments made herein. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of this submission are respectfully requested.

### Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6742 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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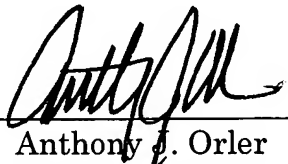
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Respectfully submitted,  
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